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Transmittal of Report of Security Incident Involving CAMUSO and
Translation of Interrogation by RNPILLOW

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1. Transmitted herewith is the Report of Security Incident Involving CAMUSO 3 and Translation of Interrogation by RNPILLOW.
2. The original interrogation report will be forwarded separately.

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Subject: Report of Security Incident Involving CAMUSO 3

1. On Sunday, March 23, CAMUSO 3 was given permission by the undersigned to travel to Augsburg to visit his wife and to give her money. He has made several such trips before without incident. The subject was CARRIAGED on 7 February 1952 (MIAA-185) to determine, among other things, his security regarding trips to Augsburg. The result was favorable. He was due back at the operational house at 10:00 on 24 March. On the way back he was picked up by the German police in Augsburg and held from the morning of March 24 to the evening of March 25. Late in the evening of March 25 he was turned over to the undersigned by [redacted]

2. The subject was closely questioned on his activities by RWPILLOW. A translation of this interrogation is attached. In order to clarify a few points the undersigned and RWPILLOW re-interrogated the subject on the evening of March 26 with the following results:

A. Drinking: The subject went with his wife to a gasthaus in Augsburg on the evening of March 23 for dinner. He drank somewhat heavily and returned to his home shortly before mid-night without incident. The next morning he left home with a slight hangover to catch the 06:47 train back. But he had not allowed himself enough time and the train left before he could get aboard. The next train left at 0800 and so the subject had two shots of cognac and a glass of beer. At the time that he was picked up by the German police he was a little high but in complete command of himself.

B. Why the German Police became Interested: Since the subject had no ticket for the return trip to Augsburg he had to pay a fine. It is common practice for the man doing the paper work in the fine to take the name of the offender from a personal document. The subject had the correct DP card. He never carries his AID card with alias to Augsburg because of security precautions with his wife. The policeman became interested in the DP card and especially so since the subject had no supporting work or residence documents.

C. Information Given by Subject to the German Police: The subject gave no more information than stated in the attached translation of the interrogation.

3. On March 25 the CIC got in touch with CSCB and [redacted] went to Augsburg to pick up the subject. [redacted] drove the subject to a place about 35 kilometers north of the operational house where the subject was turned over to [redacted] and RWPILLOW.

4. [redacted] knows that the subject was fingerprinted and photographed by the Augsburg police and that a dossier exists on the case. He is taking the necessary steps to backstop the incident as regards ABCOB security.

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5. In the last few months the German police have become much more independent in their handling of DP's and other foreign nationals. They are becoming stricter and stricter in their attitude towards DP's. A year ago when a man asked to be turned over to CTC, it would be done immediately. The time will shortly come, if not already here, when the German police will be a serious problem regarding agent type personnel.

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Subject: REDSOX/AECOB - Translation of Interrogation of CAMUSO 3 by RNPILLOW on March 26, 1952.

On March 26, 1952, CAMUSO 3 was questioned about his detention from March 24 to 25 of this year by the railroad and criminal police in Augsburg.

During the interrogation CAMUSO 3 related the following:

When my leave came to an end on March 24th of this year, I wanted to return to my place of employment on the 6:46 train. But since I had been drinking, it took me more time to purchase the ticket at the Augsburg station, and the train left in the meantime. When I left on the next train at 8:30, I mistakenly got off the train at a station between Augsburg and Buchloe, because I had fallen asleep and the station at which I woke looked exactly like Kempten Hegge, where I was supposed to transfer. Since there was no train leaving from there at any time soon going in the right direction, I decided to return to Augsburg and to go through Ulm. Since I thought my ticket was still good for this distance, I rode back with the same one. Not far from Augsburg the conductor, who was of another mind, showed up and demanded a fine, which I was willing to pay. But the train was already at the Augsburg station and I had to get out. Since the train was going on and the conductor was not able to write out the receipt, he turned me over on the platform to the railway police. I had to show this latter policeman my invalid ticket and pay the fine, which amounted to 5 marks and some pfennings, probably DM 5;20. I did this promptly, but the police became interested in my personal documents. Since I am not usually given my employment certificate when going on leave, but instead only the old DP certificate, I did not have anything other than this to show. When the police asked where I worked, where I live, and where I am registered, I could not say anything better than that I was employed by the Americans in Kempten as technical draftsman. I had to use the name Kempten, because my ticket was from Augsburg to Kempten, and it would have been even more complicated to use another place name. Since my answers did not satisfy the railroad police, I was turned over to the Augsburg criminal police. There I was questioned by a somewhat corpulent official, over 40 years old, who put me approximately the same questions. Since the answers I gave him were inadequate, and since he could see that I spoke neither German nor English, he became insistent and rough, began to threaten me, and finally hit me in the face, and his assistant hit me from behind on the shoulder with a rubber cudgel. I had to keep strict control over myself, not to reply to these men in the same manner. I did not tell the German police anything about my work or its location, and told them that they should turn me over to the CIC. The interrogating police official appeared to be offended about this and said, so far as I was able to understand, that those times were past and that I must now answer to the German police as well. In this way the conversation proceeded without result for some time, until I was taken to a detention room. I could have been 16 or 17 hours (time of day). I was not questioned any more that day. The next morning at 8 o'clock I was again questioned by the same police official, and this time a record of the events were written and I had to sign it. I insisted that I be turned over to the CIC. Even then my answers were laconic and the German did not get anything out of me. He

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was also more pleasant in his attitude and did not threaten me any further. Soon thereafter two men in civilian clothes appeared, presenting themselves as CIC officials. I told them, outside the presence of the Germans, the names of my case officers- [] and [] but nothing further. When these officials had left, I was taken to the German police court. The judge said that the matter in which I was concerned had not been cleared up, that is, it was not known whether I was under the jurisdiction of the German or the American court. Before I had to go to court, I was photographed (like a criminal, front and side), and my fingerprints were taken, and a questionnaire was filled out with personal data. Toward evening two other CIC officials appeared, who showed their credentials, and I told them then (when the Germans had left the room) that I worked as telegrapher. It seems to me that I had no other way out, since I had to give them some fact to go on, so that they would know what to do with me. Soon thereafter one of the directors appeared and released me from this hell. I have read the above statement before signing it.